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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being submitted for consideration by the Examiner without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art, or without any admission that they contain subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

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Although no fees are believed to be due at this time, it is respectfully requested that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147. Also, the Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

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